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Subject: Save The Bay letter to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy (AX-15-000-4942)

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thank you for your letter dated February 2, 2015 concerning potential Clean Water Act (CWA) and Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) protections for the Redwood City site known as the "Saltworks." Cargill Corporation has asked the federal government to determine the extent of CWA and RHA jurisdiction at the site, and the process of making such a determination remains pending. We are carefully considering the complex history of the site's uses, and the recreational, economic, and public health and safety values of San Francisco Bay.

Protecting the San Francisco Bay shoreline is a high priority for the EPA, particularly in the face of sea level rise and the historical loss of 90% of the Bay's former tidal wetlands. The Administrator and I are firmly committed to science-based decision making and protecting the environment to the fullest extent of the law.

If you would like to discuss the matter further, please call me at (415) 947-8702.

Sincerely,

Jared Blumenfeld